



# PASSENGERS ROASTED ALIVE IN THE WRECK

## 35 PEOPLE DIE AN AWFUL DEATH

Two Passenger Trains on Denver & Rio Grande  
Crash Together--Cars Catch Fire Burning Im-  
prisoned Passengers--Cold Adds Horror.

### OPERATOR FALLS ASLEEP AND FORGETS ORDERS

OPERATOR AT SWALLOW STATION RECEIVES ORDERS TO HOLD  
TRAIN, BUT GOES TO SLEEP, ALLOWING TRAIN TO PASS,  
THUS CAUSING TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE--A RELIEF  
TRAIN AT ONCE SENT TO WRECK.

PUEBLO, March 16 (Special).--A wreck accompanied with horrors exceeded only by the Eden disaster which occurred on August 7, 1904, on the line of the same railroad, resulted from a head-end collision between two passenger trains on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad, four miles east of Florence, Colorado, at an early hour this morning. The trains were the California Express No. 3 west-bound from Denver, and the Colorado New Mexico Express No. 16, east-bound, from Leadville and Grand Junction. They met on a sharp curve in a blinding snowstorm and were less than two hundred yards apart when the engineers discovered a collision was imminent.

Sticks to Throttle.  
It is known that the engineer of the west-bound train put forth every possible effort to bring his train to a standstill, but his efforts were fruitless and although he succeeded in checking the speed of his train, the crash that followed was beyond his power to prevent and he went to his death with his hand on the throttle, faithful to his charge. This much is vouched for by his fireman, who seeing the uselessness of remaining in the face of sure death, jumped and saved his life. Of the conduct of the engine crew of the east-bound train it can only be stated that they died at their posts, for not one lives to tell the story of their heroism. The disaster is made more horrible by the manner of the death of many of the passengers, variously estimated at from 20 to 35. The fire swept over the wreck engulfing the victims in a cauldron of flames leaving only charred and blackened bodies to tell the tale of the slaughter. In the forward coach of the west-bound train every seat was occupied by passengers, most of whom were home-seekers on their way to the Northwest. A number of foreigners were among them, and in their terror they gave up life without making an attempt to reach the safety outside the burning car.

Are Roasted Alive.  
Paralyzed with fear, and with poverty upon their lips they sunk to the floor of the car and roasted alive. The cooler ones in the car, seeing the danger, rushed for the windows and the doors and with the aid of passengers in the rear of the train and those members of the train crew who were unharmed, managed to reach the open air. Many of them were injured badly by the rough handling they received or from the flying glass and timbers. Although many

were willing to undertake the risk, efforts to rescue those who remained in the burning cars would have been suicidal, as the heat was unbearable. When the occupants of the two Standard and two tourist sleepers of the west-bound train saw nothing could be done to check the flames, they aided the trainmen in pushing back the sleepers and these cars were not damaged in the least. The sleepers on the east-bound train were also pushed back and soon after they were placed out of reach of the leaping flames. The wrecked cars were soon reduced to a mass of smoldering ruins.

Relief Train Sent.  
Communication was opened with the Pueblo offices of the railroad from Portland, a mile or so away and a relief train with physicians was despatched to the wreck at once. As quickly as possible the injured were placed in the sleepers and the engine of the relief train started back to Pueblo with them and also the passengers of the east-bound train who had been saved. Another relief train came from Florence and the engine was coupled to the sleepers of No. 16 and as many of the bodies of the dead as could be removed from the wreck at that time were placed aboard. This done, the searchers began picking up the bones, pieces of burned clothing, and the personal property of the victims of the disaster until several boxes had been filled. These remains were placed aboard the undamaged sleepers of No. 16 and taken to Portland and subsequently brought to Pueblo.

Beyond Recognition.  
It is reliably reported that but one body is sufficiently intact to make recognition possible, all the others having been incinerated. Identification of the victims, who succumbed to the merci-

less flames is only possible, it is believed through a comparison of the lists of the rescued and missing.

### OPERATOR WAS ASLEEP.

Operator at Swallow Failed to Give Train Orders to No. 16.

PUEBLO, March 16.--A conservative estimate of the loss of life places the number of dead at thirty-five. The Rio Grande officials insist the exact number of persons on the two trains cannot be ascertained. From the best estimates obtainable the number of injured, none whom is expected to die, is about thirty. P. F. Lively, the night operator at Swallow, whose alleged failure to deliver orders to train No. 16, is supposed to have been the cause of the wreck, has been employed by the Rio Grande many years. He was relieved from duty tonight and will be suspended until the matter is thoroughly investigated.

### Did Not See Train Pass.

DENVER, March 16.--The first orders given to the two trains was that they should meet at Odohe, and later, it is understood, the dispatcher wired Operator Lively at Swallow, ten miles east of the scene of the wreck, to hold the west-bound train there until the east-bound reached Florence if its crew were notified to run on to Swallow. Meanwhile the west-bound failing to receive orders continued on its run. It is said Lively was asleep when the west-bound passed his station. When asked by the dispatcher at Pueblo over the wire if it had passed he answered "No."

PUEBLO, March 16.--The monetary damage to the railroad is estimated at two hundred thousand dollars. In addition much baggage was destroyed as well as the mail.

## HOPES FOR ACCORD ADDRESS BY PARKER

Moroccan Deligates Takes Hopeful View of Situation.

### ARGEEMENT SEEMS POSSIBLE

Postponement of Plenary Conference Until March 20th, Gives Hope That Germany and France May Reach Basis of Accord.

ALGERIAS, March 16.--The postponement of the plenary conference on Moroccan reforms until March 20th arouses among the delegates hope that Germany and France meanwhile will reach a basis of accord. The symptoms of agreement were more favorable today when representatives of the neutral nations energetically endeavored to influence concessions. The French and Spanish delegates however, still claim that their acceptance of the principle of inspection of the Franco-Spanish police gives an efficacious guarantee that the interests of the powers will be properly safeguarded. Both sides now appear less uncompromising. It is the opinion of influential delegates including the Americans, and Italians that an agreement is attainable.

### LEAVES FOR CANADA.

LOKOHAMA, March 16.--Prince Arthur of Connaught sailed today on board the steamer Empress of Japan for Canada.

### ROUTE SHOWN.

SEATTLE, March 16.--The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul has filed in the land office here duplicate maps showing the definite location of the road's route across Snoqualmie Pass. The road will follow the Snoqualmie river on the west side to the summit. East of the mountains and then runs down Coal Creek, along the south side of Lake Kitchikan and then down the Yakima river valley.

### CANNON ARRAIGNED.

WASHINGTON, March 16.--In the house today Shackleford of Missouri took occasion to deliver a torrid arraignment to Speaker Cannon on his conduct of affairs, charging him in unmistakable language with thwarting the constitution to control legislation and declaring that Cannon alone stands between Oklahoma and Statehood.

### MORAN'S SELL OUT.

Sale of Big Plant at Seattle is Announced.

SEATTLE, March 16.--The Post Intelligencer tomorrow will print a statement signed by Robert Moran, president of Moran Brothers Company, builders of the battleship Nebraska, announcing the sale to Eastern capitalists associated with the Grisons of Philadelphia of the control of their company. The consideration while not stated is known to be between \$2,500,000 and \$3,500,000.

### LOAN NOT YET ACCEPTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 16.--The government has not yet accepted the loan of \$50,000,000 offered by Russian bankers. The government is in need of a much larger amount and is inclined to postpone the negotiations temporarily in the hope of floating an interior loan of double that amount later. Besides the government has the assurance, if an agreement is reached at Algerias of obtaining \$150,000,000 or more from a French, German, Dutch and British syndicate.

He Says the Southern Democrats Should Lead Party.

### SPEAKS OF PARTY UNITY

Defeated Democratic Candidate For President Says Democrats Must Drop All "isms" Before They Can Hope For Success.

CHARLOTTE, March 16.--Judge Alton B. Parker tonight in an address before the manufacturers' club in this city urged the southern Democrats to take the leadership of the party. He reviewed the diminishing powers during the past twelve years of the northern Democrats and concluded by a statement that the outlook for the future is unpromising.

"Unless we throw aside the 'isms' and grasp the great moral issue now so clearly perceived by the people. The time has come when the really effective Democrats of the country should be recognized and when they themselves should no longer hesitate, decline or refuse to seek or to accept those honors which are just dues for work well done."

### JEWES ORDERED OUT.

VLADIVOSTOK, March 16.--The Jews have been ordered to leave the city within three days. Most of the merchandise arriving here is assigned to the Japanese who are opening shops.

## HAMILTON'S STATEMENT WILL NOT AFFECT SUITS

New York Life Insurance Company not Withstanding Former Legislative Agent's Statement, Will Bring Suits Against Him in Near Future.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE'S HEARINGS ENDED

HEARINGS BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE INSURANCE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON BILLS PROPOSED BY IT FOR AMENDMENT OF INSURANCE AND OTHER LAWS CONCLUDED YESTERDAY--COMMITTEE TO MEET AGAIN.

NEW YORK, March 16.--Andrew Hamilton's statement before the legislative investigating committee at Albany yesterday will not interfere with the suits which the New York Life Insurance Company proposes to bring against Hamilton, according to Augustus G. Paine, trustee of the company and a member of the Fowler investigating committee.

Paine was for several years a member of the New York Life auditing committee, but resigned about six years ago. He said today he did not see how that the committee could be held responsible for the payments to Hamilton in as much as the vouchers were always submitted by the comptroller of

the company and the amounts called for were always regarded as a part of the company's legitimate expenses.

ALBANY, March 16.--The hearings before the legislative insurance investigating committee on the bills proposed by it for amendment of the insurance and other laws, were concluded today. A sub-committee will meet in New York probably most of next week with Chas. E. Hughes, counsel for the committee and all of the bills will be gone over and such modifications as the sub-committee may deem necessary will be made. The net result will be presented to the full committee next week and Chairman Armstrong hopes to present to the legislature within two weeks the bills in their final form.

### HARD SEALING SEASON.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 16.--Owing to the continued severe weather since the sealing fleet left port, a succession of gales unequalled for years, experienced observers fear that the sealing voyage of the present season is not likely to report the average of recent years as the ice does probably have been dispersed by the gales, thereby preventing the hunters from securing such catches as in years when the ice is more solid.

### EXPENSIVE PROJECT.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.--Work was commenced today on the five-million-dollar plant of the American Smelting Company at Point San Bruno, San Mateo county. A pier over a mile long will be run out into the bay so that deep water ships may load and unload. The smelting works will give employment to 2000 men.

### KING DYING.

Roumanian Monarch Cannot Live Very Much Longer.

LONDON, March 16.--Special dispatches received here report the serious illness of King Charles of Roumania from brain affection following upon arterial disease.

The Daily Telegraph says private

telegrams have reached London to the effect that the death of the king is possible at any moment, and in any case his life cannot be prolonged for more than a few months, but that the king intends to visit Lugano in Switzerland.

### ARE COMING HERE.

ROCHESTER, March 16.--At a council of the family of Susan B. Anthony today it was decided that Mary Anthony shall go to Oregon to aid in the Suffragist campaign there. She will start next week with Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw and the two will speak from platforms in that state.

### ARMORY BURNS.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 16.--Three firemen were killed and nine others seriously injured tonight in a fire which totally destroyed the old sixth regiment armory in this city. About twenty houses surrounding the armory were scorched. The loss is fifty thousand.

### VALENCIA REPORT.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 16.--The findings of the commissioners of the Valencia disaster, will present report next week. Blames Captain Johnson for error. Recommends life-saving stations along the Vancouver coast.

## CASHIER CHARGED WITH APPROPRIATING FUNDS

HAZELTON, Pa., March 16.--E. H. Everett, cashier of the First National Bank of Hazleton was arrested here tonight on the charge of embezzling \$56,400 from that institution. William Beckley, a lawyer of Bloomingburg was also arrested on the charge of conspiracy. Both warrants were sworn to by

A. Oswald, president of the bank. The bank closed this afternoon and will not be re-opened tomorrow. Beckley when arrested had in his possession fifteen notes of \$5000 each from the Pennsylvania Paper Mills of Catawissa drawn on the First National Bank of Catawissa.

## DOLAN OUSTED BY MINERS NATIONAL CONVENTION

INDIANAPOLIS, March 16.--The special national convention of the United Mine Workers of America today endorsed the action of the executive board in sustaining the finding of President Mitchell in the matter of the ousting of Patrick Dolan and Uriah

Bellingham from the presidency and vice-presidency of district No. 5 in Western Pennsylvania. This ends Dolan's case so far as the national organization is concerned. Only the pleas of Mitchell and Secretary Wilson prevented the expulsion of Dolan from the organization.